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## **Enhancing Access to Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs Through Health Information Technology**

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Prescription drug misuse and overdose is one of the fastest growing health epidemics. The goal of the Enhancing Access to PDMPs Project was to use health information technology (IT) to increase timely access to prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) data in an effort to reduce prescription drug misuse and overdose.

Work Groups comprised of individuals from the healthcare community, industry, trade and advocacy groups, and state and federal government studied PDMP issues. The diverse set of members relied on their knowledge and expertise to develop recommendations that should increase the usefulness and availability of PDMP information at the point of care. Medical providers, along with PDMPs and health IT entities, participated in small experiments, or pilot studies, to test the usefulness of making PDMP information more available to prescribers and dispensers.

The purpose of the webinar is to present the work group recommendations and pilot findings that are most relevant to the clinician community. The session will describe efforts to improve access to PDMP information when interacting with patients. Two physicians from the pilot studies will share their experiences with the enhancements to their clinical workflows.

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